

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC., f/k/a FIRSTEL, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-98-38
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NOS. 3 AND 4 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued April 13, 2001)

On March 1, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Ionex Communications North, Inc., f/k/a Firstel, Inc., filed third and fourth amendments to their negotiated interconnection agreement. Amendment No. 3 adds terms, conditions, and rates for line sharing. Amendment No. 4 modifies the terms, conditions, and rates for physical collocation and collocation augments, access to unbundled loop qualification databases, unbundled loop order provisioning, customer care standards, interim shared loop price, and general terms and conditions. The Utilities Board (Board) approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement on December 28, 1998. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-98-38. Review by the Board of these amendments is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On March 9, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 1, 2001, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Ionex Communications North, Inc., f/k/a Firstel, Inc., are approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of April, 2001.